

Statement of Chief of Police J. E. Curry pertaining to assassination of President John F. Kennedy, in Dallas, Texas, Friday, November 23, 1963.

On Friday, November 22, 1963, I was driving the lead car of the Presidential Motorcade. In the car with me were Secret Service Agents Forrest Sorrell and Lyn Lawson, and Sheriff Bill Decker. We had led the motorcade from Love Field on the prescribed route. We turned right on Main Street from Harwood Street. We continued on Main Street west to Houston where we turned right to proceed to Elm Street. We made the left turn (West) and were proceeding at a speed of approximately 8 to 10 miles per hour. The time was about 12:30 p.m. We proceeded toward the Triple Underpass which is about one block from Houston Street. As I recall, we were about half-way between Houston and the Triple Underpass when I heard a sharp crack. Someone said: "Is that a fire cracker?" After this remark, I remember hearing two other sharp reports. All of these reports were fired fairly close together. There was perhaps a longer pause between the first and second reports than between the second and third. At this time I glanced into my rear view mirror and could see a commotion in the President's car which I believe was about 100 feet behind our car at this time. At this time we could see that the Presidential car was speeding up and someone in the car said: "Let's get out of here." Then a solo motorcycle officer pulled up behind my car and I asked: "What has happened in the Presidential car - has someone been hit?" The officer said: "Yes." I told him to head for Parkland Hospital which is the nearest hospital from that location.

I immediately went on the air and informed the dispatcher to notify Parkland Hospital to stand by for an emergency. I then broadcast orders to surround the building immediately, meaning the building from which the shots had been fired. We then proceeded out Stemmons Expressway to Industrial Boulevard, to Harry Hines Boulevard to the 5200 block, to the emergency entrance of Parkland Hospital. I alighted from the car and rushed in and told some of the attendants standing by to bring the stretchers out. I spent some time in the hospital ~~area~~.

*J. E. Curry*  
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Chief of Police

WITNESSED BY:

*Herbert S. Allen*

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El Paso 12, Texas  
30 November 1963

The Chief of Police  
Police Station  
Dallas, Texas

Dear Sir:

Subsequent to the arrest of Lee Harvey Oswald, the local newspapers reported that the Dallas Police Dept. allegedly reported that Lee Harvey Oswald was a member of the American Civil Liberties Union and had asked that the ACLU furnish a lawyer to defend him. I have several questions that I would appreciate an answer to from your department.

First: Did Oswald have in his possession a membership card from the American Civil Liberties Union.? If so what name was on the card and what address was given on it.? What information was on the back of the card.?

Second: If Oswald did not have a membership card from the ACLU in his possession from whom did you obtain the information that he was a member of the American Civil Liberties Union.? Did you check or verify the statement as to accuracy before releasing this alleged information to the press.? If Oswald did not have an ACLU membership card in his possession and his membership was not verified at that time then what was the purpose of the alleged statement to the press.? Was it for the express purpose of smearing the ACLU with unfavorable publicity and if so for what reason.?

I never knew Lee Harvey Oswald and I dislape what he did or is alledged to have done and if guilty I would have liked to have seen him legally tried and executed for his crime. My interest is whether or not the statement allegedly made regarding Oswald's membership in the ACLU is true or not.? I have never seen any subsequent newspaper reports denying the first report by the Dallas Police Dept. Your clarification on this matter would be appreciated.? A self addressed stamped envelope is inclosed for your convenience

Sincerely

*Buel K. Fox*  
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December 9, 1963

Mr. Buel K. Fox  
400 DeLeon Drive  
El Paso 12, Texas

Dear Sir:

With reference to your request of November 30,  
all evidence pertaining to the arrest of Lee  
Harvey Oswald has been turned over to the Federal  
Bureau of Investigation.

All future releases pertaining to this case will  
be made by the FBI or the Commission established  
by the President.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Curry  
Chief of Police

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Terrance, California

March 10, 1964

Honorable James Eastland  
Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee  
Senate Office Building  
Washington 25, D.C.

Honorable Emanuel Celler  
Chairman, House Judiciary Committee  
House Office Building  
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Congressmen:

There is no doubt that, following the assassination of the President of our country, there should be an immediate and thorough investigation. There is no question that the findings of the investigation should be disclosed to the American people. But there is question of the body now conducting the investigation. Why are the proper Congressional committees, the FBI, and the Texas authorities not conducting the investigations? Why should the President appoint men as he decides to carry out this task - we should never be dependent upon the integrity of any one man.

In view of statements immediately following the tragedy, the appointment of Chief Justice Warren to head this commission is also questionable. I care not about his placing the blame on the 'right' or the 'left', but I do care about his placing the blame at all before any facts were known. That the 'top judge' of our land should pre-judge is indeed shocking. Granted the murder by Ruby is sub judice, but that is no excuse to delay the other findings as Warren stated 'possibly within our lifetimes'. If this present trial reaches the Supreme Court, will Warren sit in on it?

Please do everything you can possibly do to restore our judicial system and judicial integrity. Thank you for taking the time to read and consider my plea.

Sincerely,

*Paul R. Johnson*  
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cc: Senator Russell  
J. Edgar Hoover  
Texas Authorities